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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC STATEMENT ON EMMET KAY

REF : VIENTIANE 4358

1. RECOMMEND PRESS STATEMENT FOR USE IN VIENTIANE AND WASHINGTON (REFTEL) BE REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN STATEMENT: THE US GOVERNMENT DEEPLY REGRETS THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FAILURE OF THE LAO PATRIOTIC FORCES TO RELEASE THE AMERICAN

CIVILIAN, MR. EMMET KAY, AS PROVIDED IN THE LAOS AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 21, 1973 AND ITS PROTOCOL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 1973. MR. KAY IS A PILOT FOR CONTINENTAL AIR SERVICES, INC., WHOSE PLANE WENT DOWN IN NORTH LAOS ON MAY 7, 1973. HE HAS THUS BEEN A PRISONER FOR NEARLY 13 MONTHS.

ACCORDING TO THE LAOS PROTOCOL ALL PRISONERS SHOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED WITHIN SIXTY DAYS FROM APRIL 5, THE DATE OF FORMATION OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT. WE DEEPLY REGRET THE LPF SIDE'S FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT THIS ESSENTIAL HUMANITARIAN REQUIREMENT, AND ITS FAILURE THUS FAR TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MORE THAN 300 AMERICANS STILL MISSING IN LAOS.

WE ALSO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN ABOUT CHAI CHARN HARNAVEE AND NAPADOM WANG CHOM, WHO WERE HELD WITH AMERICAN POW;S IN HANOI AND HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED. AMERICAN POW;S HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT CHAI CHARN HARNAVEE AND NAPADOM WANG CHOM, WITH WHOM THEY SHARED THE EXPERIENCE OF CAPTIVITY. WE JOIN IN THEIR REQUEST FOR FULL INFORMATION AND THE EARLY RELEASE OF THESE TWO MEN. END STATEMENT.

3. IF ASKED FOR DETAILS ABOUT HARNAVEE AND WANG CHOM, SPOKESMAN SHOULD STATE HE UNDERSTANDS THEY ARE OF THAI NATIONALITY, AND THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THEM, AND POSSIBLY BOTH, WERE INITIALLY CAPTURED IN LAOS. THIS USG STATEMENT REFLECTS THE DEEP CONCERN OF AMERICAN PILOTS WHO WERE THEIR FELLOW POW;S.

4. DOES EMBASSY HAVE ANY INDICATIONS OF RLG PLANS TO RELEASE NVA POWS? KISSINGER

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